
JOB OPPORTUNITY BULLETIN
MISSOURI STATE HIGHWAY PATROL
CRIME LABORATORY DIVISION

TITLE: Criminalist I, II, or III - Drug Chemistry

LOCATION: Springfield, Missouri

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DESCRIPTION: The Drug Chemistry Criminalist I, II, or III position is assigned to the Troop D Springfield Laboratory within the Crime Laboratory Division at the Missouri State Highway Patrol. The official domicile is Springfield, Missouri. This position is classified as nonexempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

POSITION SUMMARY: This position performs technical work in the scientific analysis of controlled substances. An employee in this position participates in a formal and on-the-job training program. (For a more detailed job description go to: <http://www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov/MSHPWeb/PatrolDivisions/HRD/Civilian/CivilianJobDescriptions/salarySchedule.html>)

QUALIFICATIONS: Applicants must possess a bachelor's degree from an accredited college or university in one of the natural sciences or closely related field. College coursework must include 20 hours of chemistry, including two semesters of general chemistry with laboratory, two semesters of organic chemistry, and one semester of organic chemistry laboratory. An organic chemistry laboratory that is integrated into a 4 or 5 hour organic chemistry course will satisfy the laboratory requirement. Survey or introductory coursework intended for non-chemistry majors will not satisfy the above requirements. Both overall academic record and applicable job experience will be factors for consideration; however, prior job experience will not replace the minimum academic requirement.

STARTING SALARY: (bi-monthly)

Criminalist I:	\$1,554.00
Criminalist II:	\$1,806.00
Criminalist III:	\$2,003.50

APPLICATION PROCEDURE: Individuals interested in this position must complete the Patrol's Application for Employment and submit official college transcripts (unofficial internet copies will not be accepted) by the application deadline. Resumes will not be accepted in lieu of the application. Applicants may obtain an application from the Patrol's website at www.mshp.dps.missouri.gov, or by contacting the facilitator listed above.

Individuals who have completed an application for a position within the last six months may request their application be pulled for consideration by contacting the facilitator for the vacant position. If an application is older than six months, the applicant must submit a new application.

Current employees who meet the minimum qualifications stated above may apply through the Human Resources Division by submitting an intradepartmental letter of application and resume through channels prior to the application deadline.

Interview boards are tentatively scheduled for the week of December 14, 2009 at the Troop D Laboratory in Springfield, Missouri. The tentative start date for this position is within 30 days of the interview.

Some Patrol duties relate to criminal activity. Therefore, employees may be exposed to written material, photographs, and/or verbal language of a sexual nature. The requirements of this position are not intended to create a hostile work environment; however, it is work of an extremely sensitive nature. A copy of the Missouri State Highway Patrol policy on sexual harassment is available upon request.

NOTE: Final selection may be based upon several factors, e.g., results of an oral interview, written examination or exercise, review of past work performance, performance evaluations and/or candidate's possession of the knowledge, skills and abilities deemed necessary for successful performance in the job.

Once a job offer has been made, employment with the Missouri State Highway Patrol is contingent upon the successful results of a Patrol administered drug test, favorable background investigation, and the results of a medical or psychological testing, when required.

EEO STATEMENT: The Missouri State Highway Patrol is an equal opportunity employer. All qualified applicants will be considered for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability status, or any other non-merit factor.

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